

## SSN 782 Mississippi

SSN 782, a Virginia-class submarine; the contract to build her was awarded to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut, on 14 August 2003.

The selection of Mississippi, designated SSN 782, is dedicated to the state's longstanding tradition of shipbuilding in support of our nation's defense.

It also honors the indomitable spirit of the people of Mississippi who have made great strides in recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

This fighting spirit will be an inspiration to all sailors who embark aboard Mississippi.

There have been four previous ships named Mississippi. The first Mississippi, a sidewheeler, served as Commodore Matthew Perry's flagship for his historic voyage to Japan and fought with Admiral Farragut's forces on the Mississippi River during the Civil War.

These next-generation attack submarines will provide the Navy with the capabilities it requires to maintain the nation's undersea supremacy well into the 21st century.

They will have improved stealth, sophisticated surveillance capabilities and special warfare enhancements that will enable it to meet the Navy's multi-mission requirements.

Mississippi will be able to attack targets ashore with highly accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles and conduct covert long-term surveillance of land areas, littoral waters or other sea-based forces.

Other missions include anti-submarine and anti-ship warfare; Special Forces delivery and support; and mine delivery and minefield mapping.

With enhanced communications connectivity, the submarines also will provide important battle group and joint task force support, with full integration into carrier battle group operations.

The Virginia class is 7,800-tons and 377 feet in length, has a beam of 34 feet, and can operate at more than 25 knots submerged. It is designed with a reactor plant that will not require refueling during the planned life of the ship – reducing lifecycle costs while increasing underway time.

USS Mississippi ships:

- USS Mississippi (1841), was a sidewheel steamer that saw action in the Mexican-American War and was lost during the American Civil War
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- USS Mississippi (BB-23), was a Mississippi-class battleship that saw action before World War I and was eventually sold to Greece
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- USS Mississippi (BB-41), was a New Mexico-class battleship, and saw action during World War II
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- USS Mississippi (CGN-40) was a Virginia-class nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser
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- USS Mississippi (SSN-782), will be a Virginia-class submarine and is currently under construction